

A M E N D M E N T S T O T H E S P E C I F I C A T I O N

Please replace paragraph beginning on page 1, line 8 and ending on page 1, line 15 of the as-filed Specification with the following amended paragraph marked up to show changes made relative to the immediate prior version:

Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) includes a protocol for transmitting information over a network such as the Internet. ATM currently includes numerous standards that are publicly available ~~and those standards may be found at <http://www.atmforum.com>~~ . In ATM the flow of information, which may be referred to as traffic, may be specified as a number of cells transmitted per second. Cells are currently 53 byte sets of data that may be transmitted over an ATM link. Moreover, currently five of those 53 cell bytes are utilized to carry header information and the remaining 48 cell bytes are used to carry payload information that is being transmitted.